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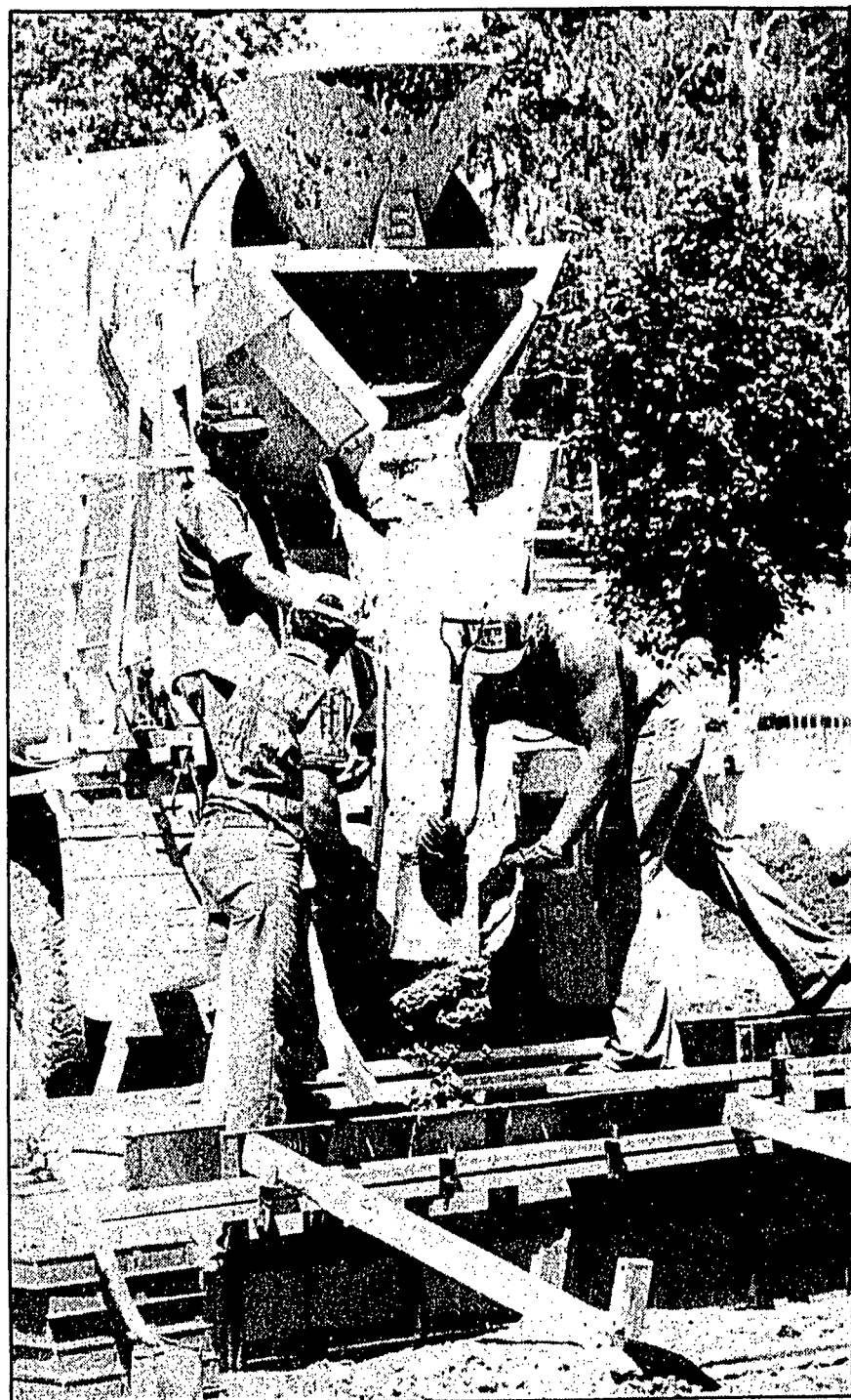
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Work continues on the aquatic center. Dr. Robert Bush, vice president for environmental development, not only talked about this project last Monday, but other present and future building projects for the University. [Missourian Photo/Dave Gieseke]

Conflicting land deeds pose parking problems

While most fraternities are preparing for the recruitment of pledges this fall, the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity is faced with a more serious problem concerning adequate parking at their house.

AKL's problem stems from a conflict between two land deeds that both state they own the area east of the fraternity house which the fraternity had been using for a parking lot.

"In May there was a fence put up 10 feet away from the east side of our house, virtually eliminating all of our parking," said Jim Roddy, AKL member.

"The fence was put up by Dave Archer, the land owner of the property east and north of us. According to a land abstract that he has, he owns the land. We have several deeds and abstracts that say we own 27 feet of land beyond his fence," Roddy said.

Archer was unavailable for comment. Although it concerns only a small piece of land, this conflict in deeds can only be settled in court, according to Roddy.

Roddy's observations were confirmed by Attorney Roger Prokes, who has handled AKL's legal problems in the past. According to Prokes, there are two options to settling the problem. The first method would be to have all the parties involved sit down and try to talk it out. The only other resolution would be a title suit.

Earlier this month, the dispute over the land took a legal turn as AKL president Paul Battalion was arrested for trespassing on the controversial land

by the Maryville Public Safety Department.

Faced with a lack of parking at the house, the fraternity is looking at several options to resolve their problems.

"One option we have is to try to settle the land dispute and acquire the land," said Battalion. "There isn't all that much land there though. Only about 10 cars could park there. It would take a lawyer that will have to come from out of town that costs money. We don't have the money for something like that at this point," he said.

"Another alternative would be to buy the four lots on the east side of the house for \$20,000, but again, we don't have the money," said Battalion. "Dave Archer, who owns the land, won't sell us just one lot. It's all or nothing," he said.

"What we are left with is to park on the streets. There is no parking on 16th Street, so Lisa Lane and Mulberry Street are the only close streets that are practical to use. We'll just start lining the streets. I'm sure the neighbors aren't going to like it," Battalion said.

"It's unfortunate that we have to hurt other people," said Battalion. "We're trying to gain the respect of the neighborhood and we go turn around and inconvenience them because our hands are tied."

Regardless if the AKL's park on the surrounding streets, both Roger Stricker, director of Maryville Public Safety, and Battalion believe it will still be inadequate for the expected numbers moving into the house this fall.

Bush holds construction meeting

Dr. Robert Bush, vice president of environmental development, held an open meeting about construction on campus last Monday.

The meeting included discussion of the new library, the performing arts center, new roads, partial restoration of the Administration Building, renovation of Wells Library to academic space and replacement of two steam tunnels. Bush also discussed the on-going construction on campus roads.

This construction is part of a \$13.5 million building campaign from emergency legislation passed in March by the legislature and signed by Gov. Joseph Teasdale.

"It's going to be a difficult two years," Bush said. "But with this construction thing, we must emphasize safety."

Bush estimated the new library will be ready in 1982 and the performing arts center in the spring of 1983.

"It all depends on how bad the winter is," Bush said. "We want to get it done as soon as possible and take advantage of the present economic situation."

Bids for the performing arts center will be opened under the first of October. The library bids will be open around Dec. 1, Bush said.

The library will require a little more than half of the \$13.5 million.

The three-story library, to be built west of Garrett-Strong and north of Cooper Hall, will house a half million bound and computer volumes, said Dr.

Charles Koch, director of Wells Library and a member of the University's planning committee. It will seat over 1,000.

Construction for the new library should begin after the first of the year, but the original planning for the structure began as early as 1973.

"From the present facility we learned what should not take place," Koch said. "We don't want things scattered in 10 different places."

The outside is very simplistic in styling, Koch said.

The University's new performing arts center will begin construction later this fall. It will be located west of the stadium in College Park.

"This could be the most impressive and functional center in the four-state area," Bush said. "We also hope it will help bring the campus together. In the past, the high rise dorms have been in their own separate world, but now they will be more a part of the University."

The center will contain a main auditorium, studio theater and complete shop, costume, mechanical and scene construction areas.

"This facility will be tremendously energy efficient," Bush said. "We'll be able to close off different areas of the building and heat or cool only those areas in use and not the entire center."

Robert Sunkel, head of the division of fine arts, said the main house would seat nearly 1,100 patrons and the studio theater could accommodate up to 150

people. The stage in the main auditorium will be 46-feet wide.

The main auditorium will use continental seating which provides access only from the sides of the auditorium, Sunkel said. This type of seating allows a greater slope to the floor which provides the audience with a better view than in the more traditional seating with the center aisles.

Bids will be opened July 29 for the replacement of the roof on the west wing of the Administration Building. The construction would be a wood truss with composition or simulated slate shingles. Bush said following the construction, the Administration Building will regain from the front the appearance it had before the fire. One problem area on the roof is financing and replacing the copper ventilators. Dr. Bush said the University is looking at alternatives to financing their replacement.

"This might become a project for alumni," he said.

Service Drive behind Vank Industrial Arts Building from Seventh to Ninth Streets is completed and open to traffic. Within the next two weeks, concrete streets should be ready behind Garrett-Strong from University Drive to College Park Drive at the high rise dorms.

Two new parking lots should be open by mid-fall. A new 120-car lot off Northwest Drive west of Garrett-Strong will be ready for the start of school, and

another lot will be ready this fall directly north of the Ad Building where the old auditorium stood. This lot should hold 200 cars.

Progress on the aquatic center and the renovation in Lamkin Gymnasium were also discussed. The renovation in Lamkin includes remodeling in the gym, building two new racquetball courts on the north side of the gym and the installation of a new lighting system.

"This new lighting will increase three to four times the old lighting with half the power," Bush said.

Bush said the construction crew had found a problem with the aquatic center. A one-half to three-fourths inch spring has been found under the construction site.

"We'll either have to seal it off or pump it out," Bush said. "The engineers will decide what to do this week. As far as I know, no one was aware of that particular spring until now. They can't go any further with construction until it is taken care of."

Bush also discussed the proposed waste-to-energy system. New bids are out for hardware and financing.

"We have some exciting things going on campus," Bush said. "It's exciting, but it's also going to be a difficult time for some. But we want everyone to understand where we are and how we are going to get there."

Other changes on campus include a University Club and a deli to be located in the Student Union.

Registration begins in Maryville

Despite masses of complaints and opposition, the government's registration of four million men for the draft is going according to schedule in Maryville and across the country.

On Monday, men born in 1960 began registering and next week men born in 1961 will begin, even though the statute under which registration is continuing may be ruled unconstitutional because the registration does not include women. Next January, men born in 1962 are supposed to begin registration.

Maryville Postmaster Bill Adams said 41 men registered for the draft on Monday in Maryville, 35 on Tuesday and 18 on Wednesday.

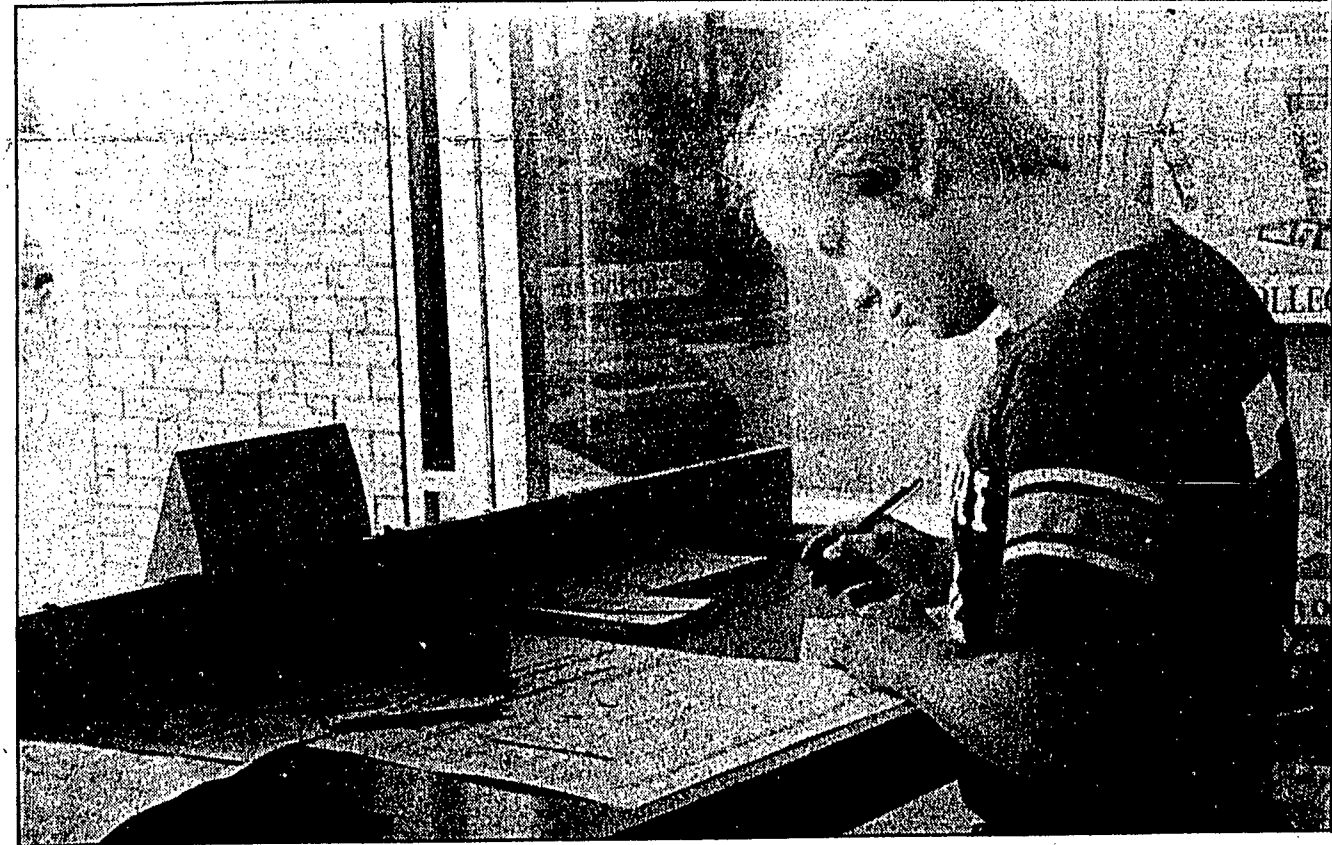
President Jimmy Carter has sought registration for both sexes earlier in the year, but Congress chose to omit them.

"Women do serve a useful role in the military and provide important skills," wrote District Judge Edward Cahn in the 41-page Philadelphia opinion.

"Congress could not constitutionally require registration under the Military Selective Service Act of only black citizens, or only white citizens, or single out any political or religious group simply because those groups contain sufficient persons to fill the need of the selective service system," he said.

Failure to register is punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of \$10,000.

During the registration, the men must fill out a card giving their name, sex, date of birth, current address, permanent address and social security number. Postal clerks cannot refuse to accept registration cards, but they can check a box on the card saving that an



Signing up

I.D. was not presented for confirmation.

Men who do not register because of negligence may be technically prosecuted, but post offices are under direction to allow them to register late, even after the two-week registration period.

Draft dodgers, already making their plans to head for Canada, may have more difficulty than in past years

University student Brad Orr was one of the first 20-year-olds to register for the draft Monday. Orr said that he did not think of protesting the registration because it was everyone's duty to serve the country. [Missourian Photo/Dave Gieseke]

because Canada has tightened its immigration laws to make draft avoidance almost impossible.

Carter has always had the power to register men for the draft, but White House officials said he would not use that power unless Congress supported the move by appropriating funds for the process.

In June, the Senate approved \$13.3 million for the project, which is \$10,000 less than Carter requested.

For the time being, it's only registration and there has been no draft since 1973. Registration, which was halted five years ago, should shorten by nearly a month the amount of time it would take for a callup.

National ACT scores show downward trend

"The American College Test (ACT) results are showing a nationwide downward trend," said Jim Goff, director of admissions.

Goff uses the ACT results as a key element in student acceptance evaluations. Missouri students must be in the top two-thirds of their graduating class or have an 18 or above on the ACT. Out-of-state students must be in the top one-half of their class or have a 20 or above on the ACT to qualify for admission.

"Our requirement would probably be in the upper half of the class for in-state students," Goff said, "but because we are a state supported school, we are more lenient with Missouri students. It's not really that we have a higher out-of-state requirement. We have a lower in-state requirement. We have a responsibility to work with Missouri students because their tax dollars support us."

"Admissions at Northwest is relatively lenient," Goff said. "Some schools have open admissions, while others are far more strict. Additional

tests, letters of application and personal interviews are just a few of the admission requirements at some colleges and universities."

Goff said there are ways for students who miss the mark to still enroll.

"Our admission system is more or less cut and dried," Goff said. "If a student meets the requirements it's no problem. And if he doesn't we have programs that give leeway to the marginal student."

"So, there's little or no chance that a student could be discriminated against here," Goff said, "because it's an either-or situation. If the student thought his ACT score was low, probably his class rank was higher."

The ACT scores tell more than just how well prepared for college a student is in the four major areas of English, mathematics, social science and natural science. They also indicate a student's interests and accomplishments outside of class and his probable aptitude for general career goals.

"It's a good recruitment tool," Goff said. "If a student indicates an interest in a small state school, we can

recommend ours. If he wants a good inexpensive school, then we can talk up that aspect."

Goff cited the ACT as a good indicator of a student's preparation for college.

"From the studies I've seen," he said, "the ACT is a pretty accurate predictor of college success. One of the major criticisms of the test though, is that it's culturally biased-and I have no doubt that it is-but so are colleges. The things that a student is going to learn are pretty culturally biased toward the white Anglo-Saxon Protestant. It's probably true that the test is unfair to a minority student, based on his background, but it remains that the test predicts what he's going to do in a white Anglo-Saxon Protestant college."

Goff pointed out that average ACT scores are declining in the nation as a whole.

"About four to five years ago, 20 was the average ACT score nationwide," he said. "Now it's about 18.7. Most people say that this means most students aren't prepared as well for college."

Test scores at NWMSU haven't reflected this general decline.

"At Northwest the mean score has remained relatively constant over the last five years," Goff said. "It's right at 19.5. So while the national average has been going down, ours has remained the same. Five years ago ACT results showed the average freshman at Northwest was a pretty average student nationwide. Now he's a little higher."

Goff recently attended an invitational seminar in Lexington, Ky., sponsored by ACT. The seminar dealt with a concept with potential for streamlining the admission system in colleges. Being discussed was the acceptance of a student, based on the receipt of an ACT score, rather than sending an application later and duplicating information. If this system were implemented, the University would send the student a letter of acceptance after receiving adequate test results from that student.

"There are some prestigious schools already using this method," Goff said. "It cuts down on paper work and saves time. I think we'll give it a try this year and see what happens. I don't think we can lose."

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ASCUS holds seminars

The Missouri ASCUS professional teacher placement days will hold meetings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 22 and Aug. 7. The first meeting will be at the University of Missouri at Kansas City in Plerson Hall, and the second at Webster College in St. Louis in the Big Bend Building.

The meetings will be for last minute job placement for elementary, secondary and special education teachers and counselors. For more information contact the University Placement Offices.

ARA to hold meetings

ARA will hold food committee meetings at 2 p.m. every Thursday in the faculty lounge.

First original play

Student production set for Aug. 6-7

The first play written by a Northwest student will be presented at 8 p.m. Aug. 6 and 7 at Charles Johnson Theater.

"Easy," written and directed by Scott Tennent, is a two-act production with four scenes.

"The play is based on a Harry Chapin song, called 'They Call Her Easy,'" said Tennent, who is a theater major. "As far as I know it's the first play written by a student here."

The play has only three characters. They are Tim Treese as the bartender, Kerry Bunker as the young man and Kelley Dickey as the young woman.

"It's about love and the loss of love and the confusing state people go through when they're in love," Tennent said. "I first heard the song about eight years ago and it's been in my mind off and on ever since because I've been through a lot of the same things."

Tennent has never written a play but has written two unpublished novels, short stories and poetry.

"Easy" is unique because it is a total student production. Usually, one of the theater instructors directs the student productions with a student assistant.

"We don't really have one instructor working with the play," Tennent said. "They'll all be coming and going all the time though."

Also assisting with "Easy" are J. Dale Dupre as the scene designer, Gary Hendrix as the lighting designer, Fred Clark as the sound designer and Vicky Clay as the stage manager and costumes director. Karen Hamilton is the assistant director.

Although this is Tennent's first original script, he has acted in several plays and also done directing and lighting.

Tennent said he enjoys writing, directing, acting and lighting.

"They both (acting and writing) demand so much," he said. "One supplies their own creative talents from the beginning. The other has to work with other people."



Greeks retreat to prepare for fall

Delta Chi Brian Cunningham works on the porch of the fraternity house as a part of Greek retreat. The retreat was held July 18 through 20.

"Along with the many work projects, it also gave everyone the chance to see each other again," said Terri Clear, Delta Zeta president.

TKE Perry Miller said, "We had an excellent turn-out with well over half of the chapter here for the weekend. We got a lot of work done, too, along with a lot of partying. We repainted the third floor of the house, put new fixtures in the upstairs bathroom and painted the basement."

Cunningham said the Delta Chi's also had a good turn-out. "We pulled up the floor in the dance room and resurfaced it. We also painted the T.V. room and put a new section onto the front porch."

Phi Mu, Delta Zeta, Alpha Omicron Pi and Alpha Sigma Alpha all worked on projects for rush.

"We got to tour the new housing for the sororities and picked our rooms for fall," said Phi Mu Diane Crees. "It's not Roberta, but it will be great getting all the sororities working together to make Wilson and Richardson into the home that Roberta was." [Missourian Photo/Jodee Melner]

Rhoades to conduct auto test

Four students and Dr. John Rhoades, professor of industrial arts and technology, will soon be testing their skills for building a more economical, comfortable and marketable car.

The test will be conducted as they participate in the "Sea-to-Sea-Economically" organized by Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash.

"The economically is a chance for the students to try out the things they've done to the car. It also gives us a chance to report to the government what the University is doing to cut down on economy costs," Rhoades said.

Students participating on this year's High Performance Team are Captain

Alan Paup, Denison, Iowa; Leonard Fullbright, Independence; John Hansen, Perry, Iowa; and Tim Horn, Lathrop.

"The students, who are involved with the Industrial Arts Club, work on the project during the year and this is what they've worked up to," said Rhoades. "Sort of a final showing for the year for their efforts."

The rally starts Aug. 6 at Bellingham and will cover a route of more than 3,000 miles to Washington, D.C., where the competition will come to an end on Aug. 18.

The rally itself consists of three different areas to be judged. The first day of the rally is a test of general car performance. In the performance test there are three different parts being tested, a hill climb which is a road race uphill, an acceleration test for car speed

and the idea is to go through the course as fast as possible without knocking over the markers.)

The second area to be judged is the emissions control. This will take place 10 days into the rally at Detroit, Mich. The cars will undergo a standard emissions test of hydrocarbons, oxide of nitrogen and carbon monoxide out put of the cars. This test will be the same test that the major car dealers use on their newly-made cars.

The last test will be that of fuel economy and efficiency. The winner of this category will have used the least amount of fuel on the trip from Western Washington University to Washington, D.C., where the rally will end.

"This rally has been mainly for Universities in the past," Rhoades said, "but this year is the first time it has been open to anyone interested, from the individual to the big corporations."

This will be the third year of competition for the NWMSU team. The

High Performance Team will be trying to better the 1975 Pinto, which is already getting 63 miles per gallon on the highway. The car has had about 800 pounds of weight taken off since it was new. Lightweight fiberglass seats and windows were installed, the roof was lowered four inches and spoilers were put on for aerodynamic improvements for less wind resistance.

The engine has had a new water injection system installed so that the fuel and oxygen mix better. The car also uses a synthetic lubricant instead of oil and gasahol is used as fuel.

"Last year was disappointing year for us," Rhoades said. "We didn't do as well as we had in previous years. We have won the emissions category before and gotten second in the performance section. I think we'll do quite well this year. We have a really good fuel economy, low emission and good performance."



Two students observe the skeleton of a platecarpus ictericus, an extinct marine reptile. The skeleton was found in Western

Kansas in 1969 by a University of Missouri graduate, but was excavated by a team of students and instructors from Northwest. [Missourian Photo/Skip Shannon]

Northwest displays extinct reptile

A reptilian specimen of the cretaceous period has been going almost unnoticed in the Geology Museum in the Garrett-Strong Science Building.

The Platecarpus ictericus, a member of a group of extinct marine reptiles called mosasaurs, was excavated from a site in Western Kansas in July 1969.

About 100 million years ago when Western Kansas was covered by a shallow sea, the mosasaur was the most aggressive and numerous marine reptile.

"By and large, we were lucky," said Dr. David Cargo, geology professor. "When the creature died it quickly sank and was covered up with sediment. Usually, scavengers come along and rip up the carcass. Then you never see it again."

Even though there is no modern day counterpart for this reptile, the lizard is probably the closest.

The mosasaur was a carnivorous air-breather that ranged the shallow seas that extended from the Gulf of Mexico through Canada.

"It had a strong tail that aided its swimming and steering," Cargo said. "Its ability to swim and change directions quickly enabled it to catch food easily. It probably ate fish and other mosasaurs."

"It's interesting," Cargo said. "You take the reptiles that are present in the world today--turtles, snakes, lizards, alligators and crocodiles--they're all primitive, relative to what we had back in prehistoric times."

The bones were first discovered by a University of Missouri graduate student. When the University of Missouri showed little interest, the task of excavation fell to Northwest.

The expedition, composed of 10 students and instructors, was partially funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation. The excavation site was located on the J.L. Mendenhall ranch near Grove, Kan.

It took two days for the skull and vertebrae to be removed from the soft chalk that encased them. The fragments of rock and bone were plastered with a preserving solution to prevent damage to the sensitive pieces during transport back to Maryville. Loose pieces of bone were wrapped in newspaper.

Through the following school year, the rock was carefully separated from the bone fragments with knives and dental picks.

According to Cargo, it is the most

nearly completed specimens in the country.

"We were lucky to find as many bones as we did," Cargo said. "We had to reconstruct some teeth and parts of the vertebra and skull. There were Y-shaped bones that hung down from the vertebral column. We didn't get many of those."

A large glass case is now the home of the mosasaur. Visitors are welcome at the museum in room 128 of the Garrett-Strong Science Building.

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Viewpoint

Recovery progressing

There's a lot of criticism directed at the University these days, but one thing is for sure: Northwest has successfully survived the tragic fire of last year and has bounced back to almost the same condition as before the fire. In fact, after all construction is finally completed, the University may look even better.

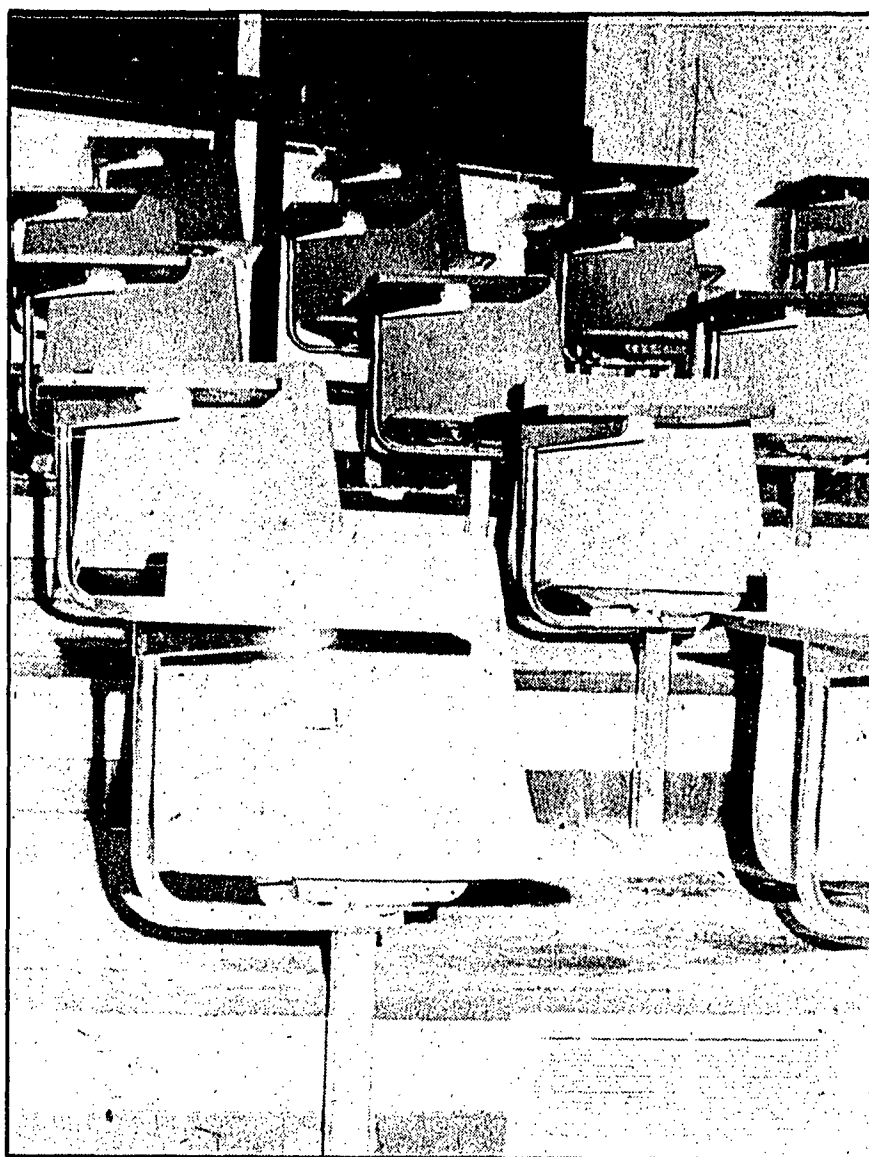
Although the building was ravaged by the fire and could not be used for quite a while, the Ad Building is now becoming a useful part of the University once again. Right after the fire, offices had to be moved throughout the campus, but now the displaced offices have found a home.

The communications department has also found a temporary, but very functional, home in the affectionately called Communications Barn. Although the structure is not one of the more beautiful sights on campus, it serves its purpose and was built very quickly.

There was confusion on campus last fall with all the offices and classrooms moved all over, but with cooperation from the administration, faculty and students, the University has almost reached an organized point.

One of the best moves made by the University was the decision to restore instead of tear down the damaged landmark. Most students and faculty do not consciously place a high regard on a building, but if the Ad Building had been totally destroyed and replaced with a parking lot or shiny new facility, it would subconsciously damage student morale. It is still comforting to walk past a structure that is far older than most of the students it serves.

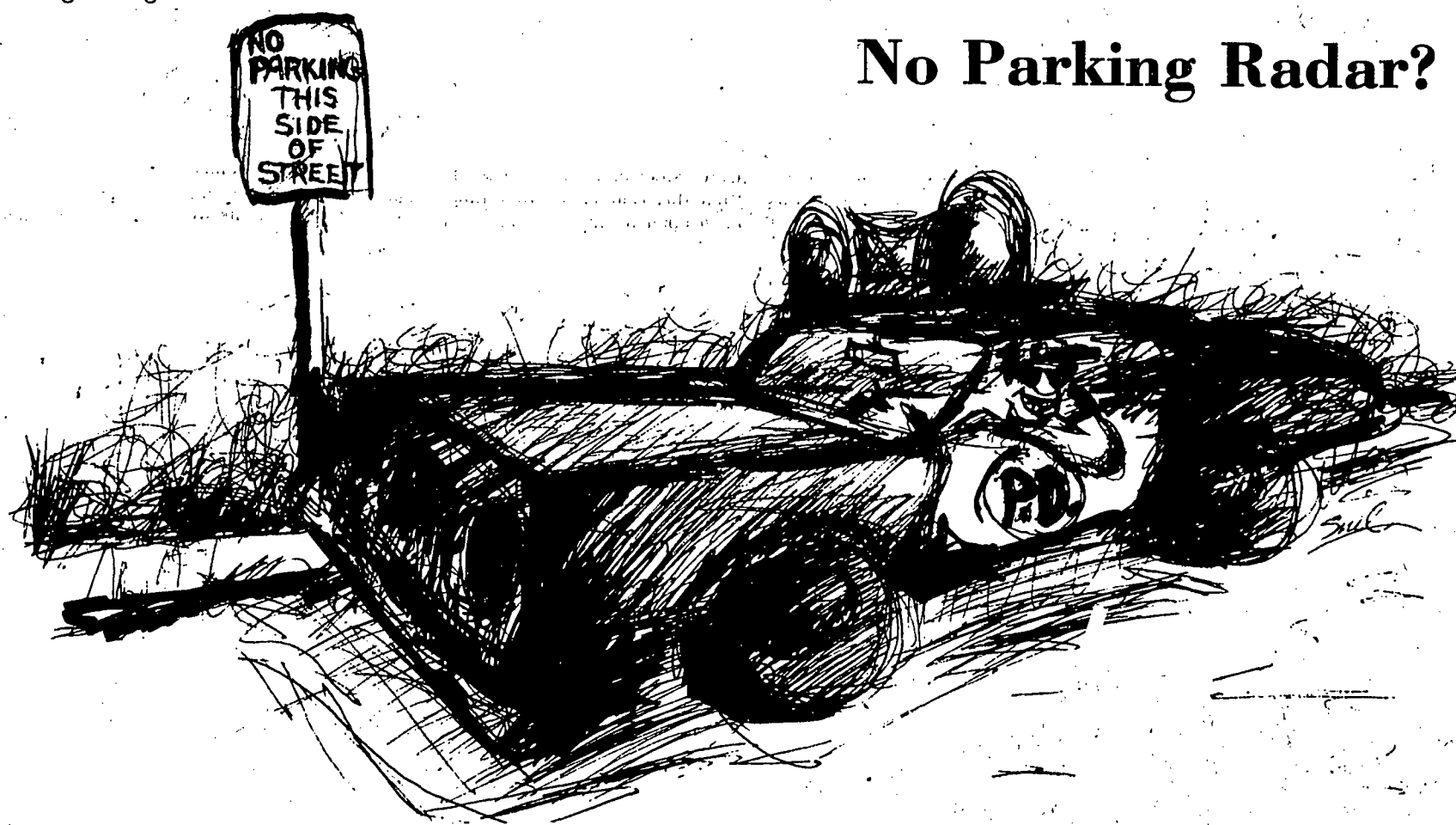
Despite extensive damage from one of nature's worst cripplers, the Administration Building and the University are still standing. They both may have changed in appearance in the last year, but despite the burned scars, Northwest is still growing.



The lecture room in what used to be the Administration Building remains intact a year after the Ad Building fire. Although not all the rooms in the historic structure remain in such good condition, this portion of the building will not take long to repair. [Missourian Photo/Dave Gieseke]

Empty classroom

No Parking Radar?



Movies

'Star Wars' excellence continued

By Janice Corder

It's been said over and over again that the best way to ruin a good film is by making a sequel, but this does not hold true for the sequel to *Star Wars*.

The *Empire Strikes Back* not only has more spectacular effects than its predecessor, but the plot is just as interesting. The film starts off where *Star Wars* left off with the same small, but rugged, group of rebels hiding from the evil Empire forces on a deserted, ice-covered planet. The same characters may still be skirting around the universe, but this time the story line is a little more serious. Mark Hamill returns as Luke, Carrie Fisher as the princess and Harrison Ford as Hans Solo. Billy Dee Williams has been added to the cast as a gambler turned into a legitimate planet administrator.

Ob-wan Kenobi even returns from the grave to encourage Luke, and of course, R2-D2 and 3CPO are still beeping and clicking around for a little comic relief.

Even if you are one of the few who didn't get a chance to see the original *Star Wars*, *The Empire Strikes Back* is still a good show. Unless you have been living in a cave you could've picked up enough talk about the movie to completely understand what is going on. The plot itself does not make *The Empire Strikes Back* the blockbuster hit it has become, since it is really one extended hide-and-seek game across the galaxies. What makes this movie special is that with special effects Hollywood has created a completely new world. The backgrounds, vehicles and alien monsters in this world are so

realistic that the viewer can only attempt to figure out how they were created.

In this world you'll see walking machines 10 stories high made more frightening by the fact that these machines begin to take on the characteristics of sinister humans or vicious animals. The animals created in *The Empire Strikes Back* are also fantastic. The designers could've combined several types of animals for their alien creatures, but with a little more imagination they created completely new species that hardly resemble anything on earth. By the end of the film, the viewer will swear the writers have piloted their own spaceships all over the universe to capture strange creatures and bring back original settings.

Although *The Empire Strikes Back* is one of the best films out this summer, it has its faults. The whole *Star Wars* phenomenon has become a bit too culty, and this shows in the sequel. There may be thousands of hardcore *Star Wars* fans who know every detail of the Force, how to operate a spaceship or even definitions of complicated space terms, not the average movie-goer is aware of all this. Most people did not see *Star Wars* 10 times, and need more explanation at the beginning of the sequel than the cult fanatics.

Another thing lacking in the film was the comic relief offered by the original. The sequel is so tightly action-packed with no stops for viewers to relax that the suspense becomes routine instead of building to a more exciting climax.

Despite these minor flaws *The Empire Strikes Back* is an outstanding film with probably the most spectacular special effects ever. By the way, this film is actually Part V in a nine-part series on the *Star Wars* theme, so don't expect this movie to have a pat ending. Hollywood is going to milk every cent out of this popular space movie so they keep viewers hanging.

Hopefully, the producers will not ruin a good thing by over-saturating the market with film after film about *Star Wars*. But if all nine films really make it to the theaters, it could be enough to make anyone spacey.

The Empire Strikes Back is showing at the Missouri Theater this week.

Building worth hassles

The current construction and plans for more construction have been creating confusion around campus, but a large part of that confusion was cleared up in an open meeting held by Dr. Robert Bush, vice president of environmental development.

Within the meeting, Bush discussed the summer road work, aquatic center, new library and new performing arts center. With all this construction (the last of it completed around 1983), students and faculty will have to put up with some inconveniences, especially getting around campus: A popular parking lot will be turned into a construction site this winter, but new parking is being made around campus.

Perhaps the groups most hurt by all this construction are the students who will graduate in the next two years. They must put up with all the detours, building and confusion, but will be gone before all the structures are complete. But Northwest is a University that definitely needs to grow.

Although these students may never get to use the new library or see a play in the performing arts center, they can see the need for these new structures. The Wells Learning Center is a confusing mass of spread-out materials and below some other state libraries, but the new library will change all that. The aquatic center is also another vitally needed campus addition. Without a regulation pool, Northwest has never been able to keep a competitive swim team and even the swim club has had to fold. The performing arts center was made necessary by the Ad Building fire, and Charles Johnson Theater is just too small to house major productions.

The University may not look its best for the next couple of years, but when one looks to the future, the University may look better than ever. Maybe in a couple of years the administration should dig up those "College Never Looked Better" bumper stickers. Then the University should once again look its best ever and the inconveniences suffered by today's students will pay off.

The Stroller

Crime doesn't pay, was the hard lesson learned by your normally law-abiding Stroller this week, when he had his first encounter with the long arm of the law in Maryville.

8 a.m. Your Stroller awakened. Seeing the time on his Donald Duck alarm clock, he quickly turned over and went back to sleep.

11 a.m. Your Stroller was awakened by the quacking of above-mentioned duck clock. After preparing for the day, your Stroller was off.

Since he had slept through breakfast and it was almost time for lunch, your Hero jumped into his car and headed for his favorite place to eat--no, not the University cafeteria--that delicious combination of fast food establishments in Maryville, also known as Main Street Munchies.

After enjoying a large meal of junk food, your Campus Carouser headed back to campus to go back to bed. But your Hero remembered getting onto campus was not as simple as it had been in his young strolling days. Since there was usually only one or two entrances to campus, your man decided he would head for the only sure entrance--west of Phillips Hall. He was in no hurry today and a drive by the cow pastures always proved scenic.

Since your safety-conscious Hero was in no hurry, he didn't even flinch when he saw a police car with siren and lights heading toward him. Like the good citizen he was, your Carouser pulled the Super Sunkist Lemon over to let this officer of the law proceed by him so he could bring down some evil Maryville wrong-doer.

But suddenly, to your Hero's surprise, the officer pulled his penguin car up behind him.

"Darn, I must have a taillight out or something and the nice officer is going to warn me," thought your Hero.

"Can I see your license," asked the officer after he had officially marched to the driver's side of the lemon.

"Sure, Pi--I mean yes, sir," answered your Hero who usually remembers to be courteous to very elderly aunts and large men wearing guns.

The officer took your Hero's license and held it up to the light, squinting at the printing.

"What happened to the date of birth box?" he asked.

"Well, you know how it is," answered your Stroller. "You know when you're almost 21 and, uhh, ummmm. Well, it was an accident, sir."

"No, I don't know how it is when you're almost 21 and I think you should leave official U.S. documents alone," said the cop.

"Yes, sir," mumbled your humble Hero, still hoping to get out of this with a little rare respect.

Then came the question that shocked your Stroller almost under the steering wheel.

"Do you know how fast you were driving?" asked the officer.

"What? For once in my life I was driving slow," answered your Hero. "I mean I always drive slow--probably only 25."

"Not 25. It was more like 28," said the meticulous cop. "Another mile under and I might've let you off. I'm afraid I'll have to write you a ticket."

"Twenty-eight! You've got to be kidding!" said your Hero, raising his voice. "I mean really, sir. Golly gee, I didn't think you could get a ticket for that."

"The law plays no favorites, kid," said the profound cop. "You can't almost kill someone and you can't almost speed. It's all or nothing."

"But officer, sir, I was going down a hill," your Hero tried to explain.

"It doesn't matter," said the officer as he wrote out your Hero's ticket for three miles over the speed limit.

Several days later when your Hero walked to the Maryville courthouse to pay his ticket (which had made him skip several meals and a couple of parties), he noticed a long line at the ominous door where he had been instructed to pay for his crime against society. After standing in line for about half an hour, your Hero found that he was among fellow criminals that had also committed his crime. His friendly cop must be on the warpath against students since apparently his favorite spot to catch speeders was at the University entrance.

This made your Stroller do some serious thinking. Why would a small town that relies heavily on having a thriving University send its officers out to get students for very minor offenses? Was this particular officer a ticket-nympho or was the whole police department and perhaps even the town itself trying to enrage the students they depend on?

Thinking back to the way the city had managed to stifle the majority of fraternity parties last spring, your baffled, but saddened, Hero wondered what was going on in the town he and his fellow students had begun to call home.

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It has been a year since the flames died in the Ad Building. But the memory remains for all associated with the historic structure. One year later. . .

A look at the Ad Building



With a 1976 Tower in his hands, the statue of Abraham Lincoln stands almost alone in what used to be the Registrar's Office. The statue of Lincoln is about the only thing left standing in the building.

The smell is still there. The smoke lingers in everything from the air conditioning ducts to desks that were too damaged to salvage. Dr. Robert Bush, vice president for environmental development, thinks the smell will be there for years to come, even when the memory of the July 24, 1979 Administration Building fire slowly fades.

The year following the disastrous Ad Building fire has been one of frustration and joy for University officials. A giant building program has begun because of the fire. The state has come up with \$13.8 million to aid the University in their rebuilding program. This soothed the pain from the fire, but an emotional tie still remains for students, faculty, staff and alumni to the 70-year-old structure.

"It still hurts as much as it did the first time after I walked into the building after the fire," said Bush. "I have been in this building many times in the past 30 years and a lot of memories for me are in this place."

Memories are still there and will remain as long as the smell does. The scars of the fire are there too, and these will take a long time to heal.

The scars on the west wing of the building were the deepest and the worst. The entire fourth floor of this wing was destroyed, as visitors to this area now walk in open air, on what used to be the ceiling of the third floor. This portion of the building will never be used again. Instead, a roof will be constructed to resemble the east wing roof, with the fourth floor becoming an attic once again. Its counterpart on the fourth floor, although still in fairly good condition, will also be attic space. Never again will the Speech and Hearing Clinic be housed here. It will be used for storage.

Another organization that will never see the Ad Building again are the KDLX/KXCV radio stations. These were housed on the west wing's third floor. Like the fourth floor, the roof has given way to open air and a single chair occupies the space where student broadcasters conducted interviews and practiced their

intended profession. The third floor of the west wing also will not be used in the future.

For the most part, the rest of the building will be the same although some changes will take place.

"The telephone office is where the mail room was," Bush said. "Also, it is probable that the computers will stay in Garrett-Strong, rather than come back to the Ad Building."

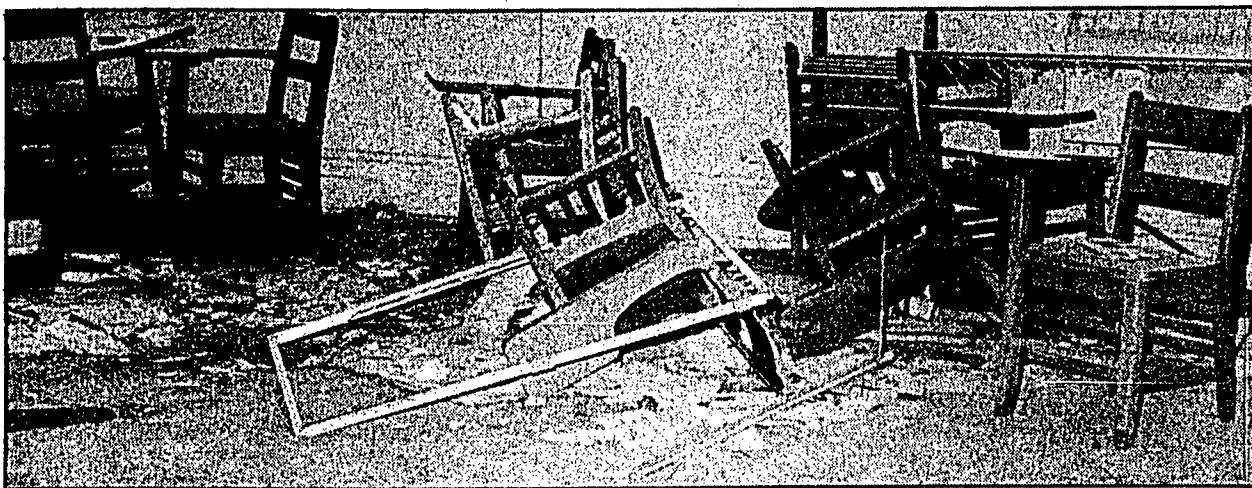
But most of the other offices will make the trek back to the structure, a much happier one than they made a year ago. Bush said that the administration hopes that they can occupy the building again next summer. A lot of work must be completed before then, however.

Besides the smell that lingers throughout, the air conditioning is currently being replaced by University workmen. The previous cleanup has been massive, but much more will be needed before the work is completed. Windows remain broken and the floors are still warped from the intense heat. Burn marks are everywhere and every so often a piece of the structure will give way ever so slightly.

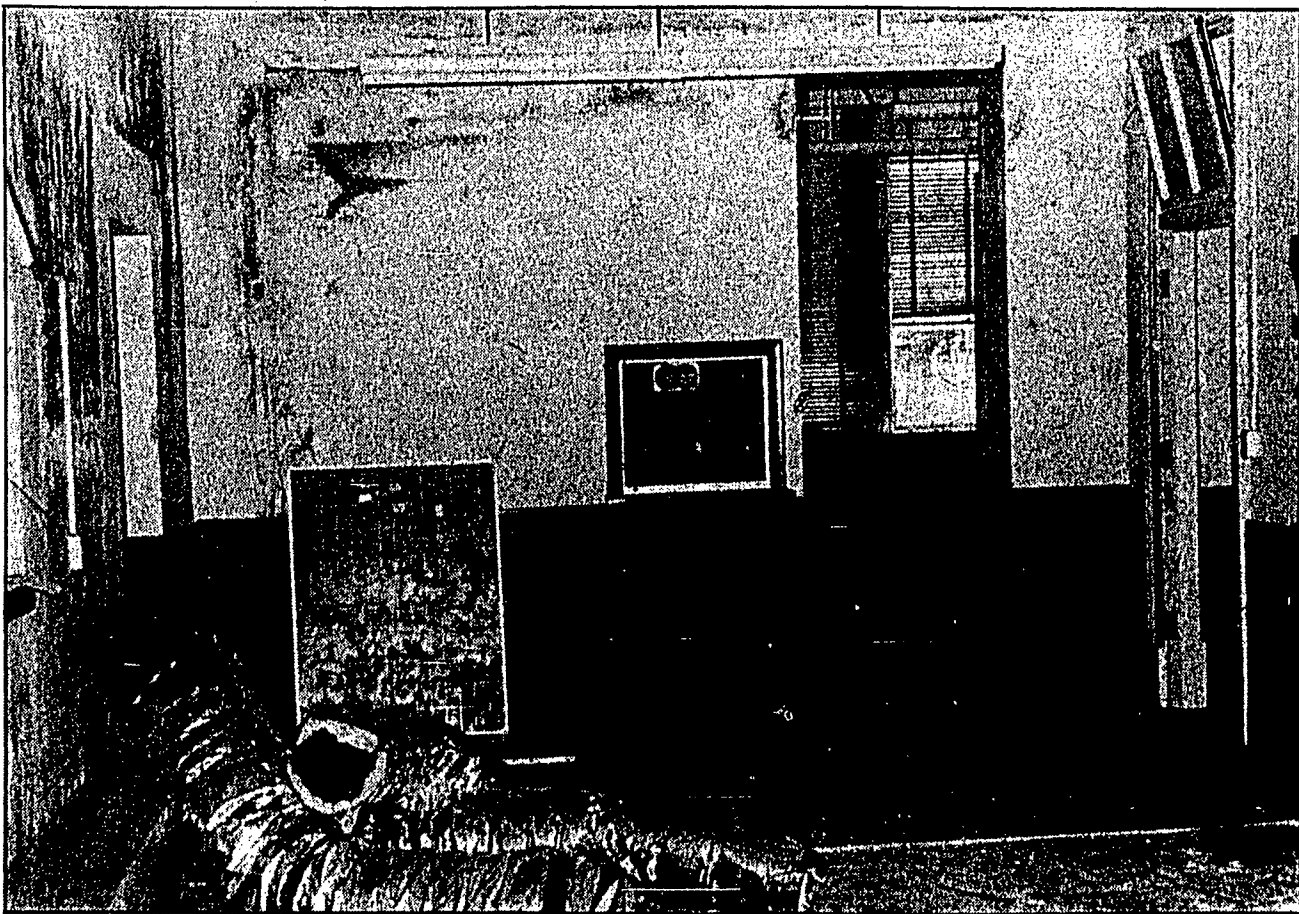
The walls of the Frank Deerwester Theater have disappeared in the last couple of weeks. The walls that remain will become part of the air conditioning room that will be built in the next few months. The space cleared from the rubble will be turned into a visitor's parking lot.

Stones from that part of the building will be used in the construction of the new performing arts center and the library, projects that were made possible from the \$13.8 million appropriated to the University. Bush hopes these projects can begin before the end of 1980.

The condition of the Ad Building is not much better than it was more than a year ago. Offices are still strung throughout campus. The flames and excitement have long since died down, but the students, faculty, staff and alumni are still reminded of that fateful July evening when 60 percent of the campus tradition was destroyed by fire. It will be a long time forgetting.



Chairs that were too damaged to be salvaged are sitting out in a classroom on fourth floor. This portion of the building will not be used when the building opens up next summer. Instead it will be attic space once again.

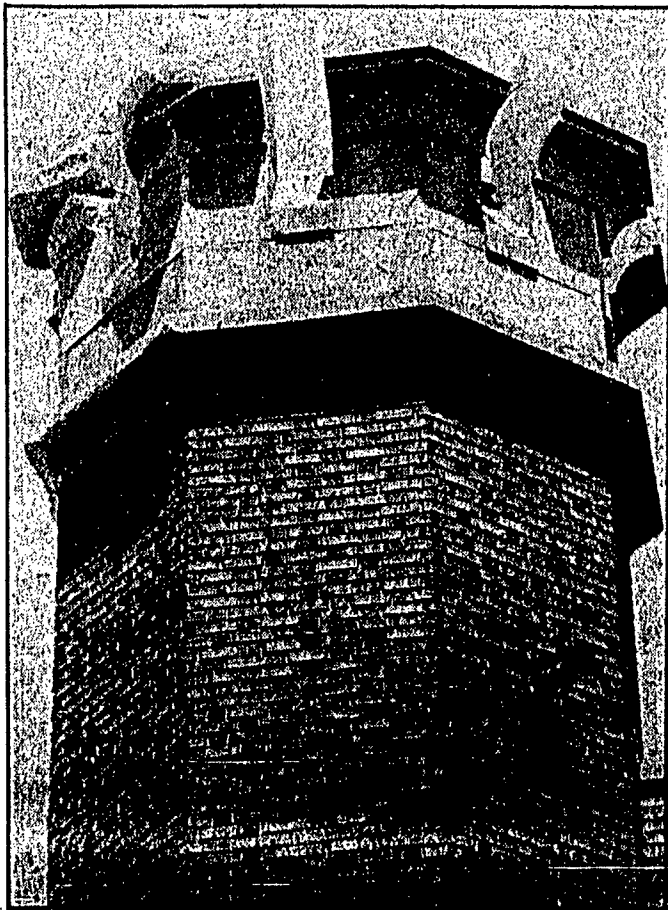


Air conditioning ducts line the hallways on the west wing's first floor. This wing's first and second floors will be used in the future, but the third and fourth floors will become attic space.

Intense heat from the July 24 fire even burned the turrets of the Administration Building. This turret was exposed to the most heat of the four. The other three received much less damage.

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Stones from the demolished walls of the Frank Deerwester Theater and performing arts center. These new buildings should be completed within the next two to three years.